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Dear Gerry:

I was shocked to read a report in the New York
Times about an ABM compromise, which I understand from reports here came from a source
within ACDA.

It is imperative that you impose total discipline on your associates and staff, so that leaks and "inside dope" stories of this type will be stopped. They can only have the effect of compromising our negotiating position.

On my return from China I would like to have a recommendation from you as to how you can stop this kind of leak in the future.

Sincerely,

Richard Nifer

The Honorable
Gerard Smith
Director
U. S. Arms Control and
Disarmament Agency